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Location:  
Boundaries:  
Nomination Author:

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Significance:

Laurium Historic District  
Laurium, Houghton County  
Encompasses virtually all of Laurium  
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Laurium was founded in 1877 as part of  
the development of the Calumet area  
in conjunction with the mining of the  
Calumet conglomerate lode,  
considered the most important  
development in U. S. copper mining  
during the mid-nineteenth century. It  
grew to satisfy the demand for housing  
that neither the Calumet and Hecla  
Mining Company nor the nearby village  
of Red Jacket (now Calumet) could  
adequately supply. The district is  
significant for its integral role in one of  
the most important episodes in U. S.  
copper mining history, as an excellent  
representative of the social history of a  
mining community, as the home of  
leading businessmen in the region, and  
for its notable commercial and  
residential architecture.

NR Listing Date: 1/31/2005

Contributing Resources: 738

District Type: Commercial and Residential

State Historic Preservation Office  
**National Register  
of Historic Places**

